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Sir:

In response to the Patent Office Action, mailed May 2, 2003, Paper No. 5, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

--1. (currently amended) A solid biomaterial, characterized in that it essentially comprises:

(1) at least one solid support material consisting of at least one insolubilized dextran derivative of general formula $DMC_aB_bSu_cS_d$ in which: